

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

Senators elected to serve until Monday after the General Election in Nov. of 2016, 18 Democrats, 28 Republicans, Total—46.

ALEXANDER, Thomas C. [R]—(Dist. No. 1, *Oconee-Pickens Cos.*)—Businessman/Owner, Alexander's Off. Supply; residing at 150 Cleveland Dr., Walhalla; *b.* July 25, 1956 in Seneca; *s.* the late Virginia C. and Claude N. Alexander; *g.* Anderson Coll., A.A., 1976; Clemson Univ., B.S., 1978; *m.* Lynda Gibson; Pres., Oconee Off. Supply; Pres., Cleveland Gospel Supply; past Sun. School Supt., 1979–84; mem.: Bd. of Deacons, Walhalla Presbyterian Church, 1980–82, 1984–86, Chm., 1985 and Session 1987–90, Clerk; Walhalla Lions Club, Pres., 1984–85; Lion of the Year, 1984–85; Walhalla Sertoma Club, Pres., 1982–83; Walhalla City Council, 1982–85, Mayor *Pro Tempore*; Bd. of Dirs., Walhalla Chamber of Commerce, 1980–83; Bd. of Dirs., Walhalla Downtown Assn., 1985–86, VP; Bd. of Dirs., Carolina Off. Products Assn., 1986–90; Bd., Blue Ridge Bank; House of Reps. 1987–94; prev. serv. in Sen. Oct. 11, 1994–14.



ALLEN, Karl B. [D]—(Dist. No. 7, *Greenville Co.*)—Atty.; 108 Lavinia Ave., Greenville; *b.* Oct. 13 in Greenville; *s.* Jesse E., Sr. and Maudie S. Allen; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1982, J.D., 1986; single, 1 child, Brittanie Elizabeth; admitted to U.S. Supreme Court & U.S. Dist. Court, 1992; mem., Amer. Bar Assn.; S.C. Bar Assn.; Greenville Literacy Assn; past Pres., NABCJ; House of Reps. 2001–12; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–14.





BENNETT, Sean M. [R]—(Dist. No. 38, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Cos.)—Fin. Planner; residing at 1422 Peninsula Point, Summerville; *b.* May 13, 1968 in Charleston; *s.* Harold McLeod Bennett and Judith Moniz; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1990; Dec. 26, 1992 *m.* Tina Gabriel; 2 children, Haile Gabriel and Hayden Grace; past Pres., Summerville Catholic School Bd.; past

mem., Bd. of Dirs., Camp Happy Days & Special Times; past Chm., Greater Summerville/Dorchester Co. Chamber of Commerce, 2002–10; Bd. of Dirs., The Educ. Foundation, 2006–09; Bd., Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Govts.; past Chm. & mem., Bd. of Dirs., Charleston Regional Dev. Alliance, 2006–; past Pres., Rotary Club of Summerville, 2010; Opportunity Next Steering Com., CRDA, 2010–11; Econ. Leadership Council, CRDA, 2011; Riley Inst., 2014; Liberty Fellow Class of 2016; mil. serv.: SCARNG; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–14.



BRIGHT, Lee [R]—(Dist. No. 12, Greenville-Spartanburg Cos.)—Transportation; *b.* Mar. 21, 1970 in Greer; *s.* Marvin L. Bright, Jr. and Virginia Bright; *g.* Dorman High School, 1988; July 24, 1993 *m.* Amy Byers, 2 children, Kaylee and Kendyl; Dist. Six School Bd., 1999–03; Bd. of Visitors, Southeastern Theological Seminary; Bd. of Dirs., Palmetto Family Council; Friend

of the Taxpayer Award, Spartanburg Co. Taxpayers Assn.; Atty. Gens. Comm. on the Family, 2001; William Wallace Caucus; mem., Roebuck Baptist Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 2009–14.



BRYANT, Kevin Lee [R]—(Dist. No. 3, Anderson Co.)—Pharmacist; residing at 1104 Harpers Way, Anderson; *b.* Feb. 19, 1967 in Anderson; *s.* Clifford W. and Gloria J. Bryant; *g.* T. L. Hanna High School, 1985; Univ. of Georgia, B.S., 1989; Aug. 26, 1989 *m.* Ann Barinowski, 3 children; Pres., Bryant Pharmacy and Supply, 1995–; Activities Dir., Camp Hope, 1989–;

Recipient Circle Award Pres. George W. Bush, 2004; mem.,

Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, 2004–; Chm., Anderson Co. Rep. Party, 1997–01; Del., Rep. Natl. Convention, 2000; VP, 10th Dist. Pharmacy Assn.; Legis. Audit Council, 2005–07; Club for Growth Score A+, 2005–13; founding mem., William Wallace Caucus, 2005–; Friend of the Taxpayers Award, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers, 2006; Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce, 2005–; Deacon, Concord Comm. Church, 1993–; prev. serv. in Sen. 2005–14.

CAMPBELL, Paul G., Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 44, *Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Cos.*)—Retired Regional Pres., Alcoa; Consultant, Paul Campbell, LLC; residing at 150 Loganberry Cir., Goose Creek; *b.* July 10, 1946 in West Jefferson, N.C.; *s.* Paul G. Campbell, Sr. and Edith Winkler Campbell; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., Chemical Engineering, 1968; Jacksonville State Univ., M.B.A., 1978; *m.* Vicki Garner, 3 children, 4 grandchildren; Clemson Bd. of Visitors; Engineering Adv. Council at Clemson; Bd. of Govs. for the School of Bus. and Econs. at the Coll. of Charleston; S.C. Bd. for Tech. and Comprehensive Educ.; Trident Tech. Coll. Foundation; past Chair, Bd. of Regents, Leadership S.C., 1993–95; past Pres., Summerville Rotary Club, 1989; past Pres., Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, 1992; past Pres. and Campaign Chair, Trident United Way, 1992; past Pres., Coastal Council of Boy Scouts, 1995–96; past Pres., The Materials Soc. (TMS), 1995, and Amer. Inst. of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers (AIME), 1999; Distinguished Serv. Award, TMS; past Chair, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 1999; Bd. mem., Exec. Com., Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, 2002; past Chair of S.C. Manufacturers Alliance, 2004; Exec. Com., Bus. and Industry Political Educ. Com. (BIPEC); Bd. of Dirs., First Fin. Holdings and First Fed. of Charleston; S.C. Pub. Serv. Authority; recipient, Order of the Palmetto, 1998; Exec. Com., Charleston Regional Dev. Alliance; editor of “Light Metals”; received Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award; recognized by Gov. Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., as an Econ. Dev. Ambassador for S.C.; chaired Off Shore Natural Gas Exploration Com. & the Wind Energy Study Com.; mem.: Sen. Fin. Com.; Agric. and Natural Resources Com.;



Transportation Com.; Corrections & Penology Com.; Gen. Com.; Jt. Bond Review Com.; Operations & Mgmt. Com.; Elder, Dorchester Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in Sen. Aug. 7, 2007–14.



CAMPSEN, George E. III “Chip” [R]—(Dist. No. 43, Beaufort-Charleston-Colleton Cos.)—Businessman and Atty.; residing at 28 Waterway Island Dr., Isle of Palms; *b.* Mar. 30, 1959 in Charleston; *s.* the late George E., Jr. and the late Myrtle S. “Snap” Campsen; *g.* Wando High School, 1977; Furman Univ., B.S., 1981; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1988, M.S., 1989; 1987 *m.* Lalla Lee

Laffitte, 2 children, George and Boyce; S.C. Bar Assn.; S.C. Real Estate Broker’s License; 100-Ton U.S. Coast Guard Capt.’s License; Pres., Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., 1985–; Campsen Law Firm, 1989–; The Campsen Co., 1995–; Commercial Real Estate Broker, Batten, Hudson, and Tarrant, 1983–85; Passenger Vessel Capt., Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., 1978–82; Chm., Fish, Game & Forestry Com., 2013–; Judicial Merit Selection Com., 2012–; Sentencing Reform Oversight Com., 2012–; Sentencing Reform Comm., 2009–10; Chm., Charleston Co. Sen. Delegation, 2006–12; Chm., Sen. Sportsman’s Caucus, 2013–; Chm., Sen. Religious Freedom Caucus, 2013–; Chm. and Spokesman, Gov. Mark Sanford’s Transition Team, 2002–03; Senior Policy Advisor to Gov. Mark Sanford, 2002–03; S.C. Coll. Investment Prog. Adv. Com., 2001–02; Deacon, Church Council, and Teacher, East Cooper Baptist Church; House of Reps. 1997–02; prev. serv. in Sen. 2005–14.



CLEARY, Raymond Edwin III [R]—(Dist. No. 34, Charleston-Georgetown-Horry Cos.)—Dentist; residing at 3577 Marion Lane, Murrells Inlet; *b.* Aug. 13, 1948 in Cincinnati, Ohio; *s.* Raymond E. and Rita Eileen Cleary; *g.* Ohio State Univ., B.A., 1970; Ohio State Coll. of Dentistry, D.D.S., 1973; Aug. 8 *m.* A. Lisa Macklen; Adv. Bd., HGTC Dental Hygiene; Kiwanis;

Lions Club; mil. serv.: USAF, Capt.; Organizer of two comm. banks; organized and built the first “LEED” certified bank

corporate headquarters in his area; Sen. Chm. of the Green Schools Caucus; recycling advocate; 2012 Sen. Conservation Leadership Green Tie Award; 2012 Star Legislator Award, Autism Academy of S.C.; 2013 Legislator of the Year Award, NAMI; 2013 S.C. Academy of Physician Assts. Award; prev. serv. in Sen. 2005–14.

COLEMAN, Creighton B. [D]—(Dist. No. 17, Chester-Fairfield-York Cos.)—Atty.; residing at 125 S. Garden St., Winnsboro; *b.* May 12, 1956 in Winnsboro; *s.* the late George F. and Lucy Davis Coleman; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1979; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; Feb. 10, 1990 *m.* Marian Walker McNair, 3 children, Creighton B., Jr., Chandler McNair, and Marion Walker; Class Pres., The Citadel, 1979; Fifth Judicial Circuit Prosecutor, 1985–90; Sixth Circuit Prosecutor, 1990–92; admitted to Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, Jan. 1993; Com. of Disciplinary Procedures, S.C. Bar, 1992–95; Vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1997–99, 2012–; Chm., Fairfield Co. Dem. Party, 1998; Public Defenders Bd. for Chester and Fairfield Cos.; House of Reps. 2001–08; prev. serv. in Sen. 2009–14.



CORBIN, Thomas D. "Tom" [R]—(Dist. No. 5, Greenville-Spartanburg Cos.)—Businessman; residing at 1139 Bailey Mill Rd., Travelers Rest; *b.* Jan. 11, 1965 in Greenville; *s.* Barbee and Gail McCarty Corbin; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1987; Dec. 12, 1992 *m.* Leann Robertson, 2 children, William and Elliott; Burban Creek Reserve, VP, 2009, Pres., 2010; mem., Deacon & Sunday School Teacher, Clearview Baptist Church; House of Reps. 2011–12; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–14.





COURSON, John E. [R]—(Dist. No. 20, Lexington-Richland Cos.)—Senior VP, Keenan & Suggs; *b.* Nov. 21, 1944; *g.* Univ. of S.C., 1968; *m.* Elizabeth Poinsett Exum, 3 children, James Poinsett, Elizabeth Boykin, and Harris Russell; Communicant, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral; mil. serv.: USMCR; Order of the Palmetto, 1978; Hon. Doctorate of Public Admin., The Citadel, 2006;

Hon. Doctorate of Laws, Univ. of S.C., 2007; Hon. Doctorate of Humane Letters, Coll. of Charleston, 2007; Significant Sig, Sigma Chi Fraternity; life mem., Amer. Legion & Marine Corps League; Career Leadership in Promoting Ethics Reform in S.C. Sen. Award, Common Cause of S.C., 2013; Legislator of the Year, Common Cause of S.C. (1989) & Amer. Legion Dept. of S.C. (1993); Distinguished Serv. Award, Marine Corps League, 2003; Sen. Rep., S.C. Counter Terrorism Coordinating Council, 2003; Friend to the Taxpayer, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers (multiple times); Palmetto Leadership Award, S.C. Policy Council, 1998; Senator of the Year, S.C. Student Gov., 1992; Guardian of Small Bus., NFIB, 2012; Bus. Advocate Award & Public Servant of the Year, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2012; Outstanding Contributions to Art Educ. Award, S.C. Art Educ. Assn., 1987; Public Educ.—Outstanding Contributions Award, S.C. Dept. of Educ., 2005; Friend of Educ. Award, S.C. Educ. Assn., 2011; Green Tie Award, Conservation Voters of S.C., 2009; Conservationist of the Year, S.C. Wildlife Fed., 2009; elected Official of the Year, S.C. Sierra Club, 2011; Del., Rep. Natl. Convention, 1976, 1984 & 1988; Rep. Natl. Committeeman for S.C., 1980–88; S.C. Presidential Elector for Ronald W. Reagan, 1980 & 1984; State Chm., Reagan-Bush Campaign, 1980 & 1984; State Chm., 1984 & 1990, and State. Treas., 1990 & 1996, Re-elect Strom Thurmond Com.; prev. serv. in Sen. 1985–14; elected Pres. *Pro Tempore* Mar. 13, 2012, re-elected Dec. 12, 2012, resigned June 4, 2014.

CROMER, Ronnie W. [R]—(Dist. No. 18, Lexington-Newberry-Union Cos.)—Pharmacist; residing in Prosperity; *b.* Dec. 1, 1947 in Newberry; *s.* Mable S. and the late William R. Cromer; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1973; Aug. 30, 1969 *m.* Linda Epting, 2 children, Candace and Heather; *mem.*: Prosperity Town Council, 1973–80; Newberry Co. Dev. Bd., 1993–00; S.C. Bd. of Pharmacy, 1994–00; *mil. serv.*: Lt. Col. (Ret.), SCARNG, 30 years; *prev. serv. in Sen.* Apr. 15, 2003–14.



DAVIS, Tom [R]—(Dist. No. 46, Beaufort-Jasper Cos.)—Atty.; residing in Beaufort; *b.* May 31, 1960; *s.* G. Thomas and Yvonne C. Davis; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 1982, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Ulmer Medal; Univ. of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1985, Order of the Coif, Sobeloff Prize for Outstanding Constitutional Law Scholarship, graduated with highest honors; Jan. 5, 1985 *m.* Reid Lawrence, 3 children, Elizabeth, Grace, and Claire; admitted to S.C. Bar, 1985; law practice of Harvey & Battey, P.A., 1985–; Chief of Staff, Gov. Mark Sanford, 2006–08; *prev. serv. in Sen.* 2009–14.



FAIR, Michael L. [R]—(Dist. No. 6, Greenville Co.)—Ins.; residing in Greenville; *b.* June 16, 1946; *s.* Paul L. and Hazel C. Fair; *g.* Univ. of S.C.; July 8, 1969 *m.* Judy T. Hodge, 1 child, Meredith; *mem.*, Greenville Co. Council, 1976–82; Chm., Corrections & Penology Com.; Sen. Fin. Com.; Sen. Fin. Subcom., Chm. on Public Safety; Med. Affairs Com.; Chm. of the Jt. Citizens Com. on Children; Legis. Audit Council; Educ. Com.; Educ. Oversight Com.; Trustee State Bd. of First Steps; Chm., Greenville Co. Legis. Delegation; House of Reps. 1984–95; *prev. serv. in Sen.* Nov. 7, 1995–14.





GREGORY, Chauncey K. [R]—(Dist. No. 16, *Lancaster-York Cos.*)—Pres., Builders Supply Co.; residing in Lancaster; *b.* Mar. 18, 1963 in Lancaster; *s.* C. D. Gregory, Jr. and Eleanor Purdy Tillman; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1985; Jan. 4, 1986 *m.* Sherri Cauthen, 2 children, Marshall and Ellen Gray; *mem.*: Univ. of S.C. Bd. of Trustees, 2009–12; First Presbyterian

Church; *prev. serv.* in Sen. 1993–08, Apr. 12, 2011–14.



GROOMS, Lawrence Kelly “Larry” [R]—(Dist. No. 37, *Berkeley-Charleston Cos.*)—Businessman; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1987; *m.* Carol Anderson, 3 children; Christian, Saved by Grace, April 1987; Bd. of Visitors, Charleston Southern Univ., 1996–; Bd. *mem.*, United Methodist Relief Center, 2003–08; Exec. Comm., Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 1996–08; *life mem.*: Natl.

Rifle Assn.; Natl. Assn. of Texaco and Shell Marketers; Significant Contribution Award, MADD, 1998; Legis. Achievement Award, Charleston More Than a Port, 2002; Commendation for Serv. to and Support of Farmers, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Legis. Appreciation Award, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Raising the Standard Award, Heritage Comm. Servs., 2003; Natl. Legis. Impact Award, Natl. Abstinence Clearinghouse, 2004; Outstanding Serv. Award, Amer. Legion Dept. of S.C., 2004; Legislator of the Year, Carolina’s Independent Automobile Dealers Assn., 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Public Charter School Assn., 2004; Friend to the Taxpayer Award, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers, 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Farm Bureau, 2005; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Poultry Fed., 2006; Humane State Legislator Award, Humane Soc. of U.S., 2006; Bd. *mem.*, Southern Methodist Coll., 2006–; Adv. Bd. *mem.*, Natl. Council on Bible Curriculum, 2007–; Legis. Serv. Award, Sweetgrass Market Place Coalition, 2007; Palmetto Leadership Award, S.C. Policy Council, 2007, 2008; Sen. Legis. Champion Award (for outstanding leadership in the defense of faith, family, and freedom), Palmetto Family Council, 2007–08; Legislator of the Year, Construction Network

of the Carolinas, 2008; The Westendorff Award for Serv. to Those in Need, United Methodist Relief Center, 2008; Leadership Award, S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources, 2008; Legislator of the Year, Maritime Assn. of S.C., 2008, 2009; Friend of Transit Award, Transportation Assn. of S.C., 2009; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Fraternal Order of Police, 2009; Legislator of the Year, Palmetto Charter Network, 2009; Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010; Peas and Carrots Award for improving environmental and econ. quality of life, Citizens for Sound Conservation, 2010; Legis. Leader Award, ABATE of S.C., 2010; Legis. Serv. Recognition, Boeing, 2010; Panama Canal Authority recognition, Canal de Panamá, 2010; Boeing Leadership Award, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, 2010; 100% Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010; Golden Apple Award, S.C. Chap., Natl. Coalition for Public School Options, 2011; Political Courage Award, Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 2011; Support of Liberty Award, ABATE of S.C., 2012; Sword & Mace Award (for score of 100 for promotion and protection of the free, private, and competitive enterprise system), S.C. BIPEC, 2012; Pro-Life Legislator of the Year, S.C. Citizens for Life, 2012; Legis. Champion Award, Palmetto Family Council, 2012; Public Servant Award, S.C. Baptist Convention, 2013; S.C. Assn. Conservation Dist. Legis. Appreciation Award, 2014, S.C. Baptist; past Chm., Deacon Bd., First Baptist Church, St. Stephen; mem., Pointe North Community Church, Moncks Corner; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 4, 1997–14.

HAYES, Robert Wesley, Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 15, York Co.)—Atty.; residing at 1486 Cureton Dr., Rock Hill; *b.* Dec. 19, 1952; *s.* Robert Wesley and Wilbur (Kirkland) Hayes; *g.* U.S. Mil. Academy in West Point, B.S., 1975; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1983; Jan. 8, 1977 *m.* Sarah Mellon Shurley, 3 children, Robert Wesley III, James Creighton, and Margaret Mellon; Pres. of Class of 1975 & Battalion Comdr. at West Point; Pres., Student Bar Assn., Univ. of S.C., 1982–83; Law Review, 1981–83; Order of the Coif; mem.: law firm of Robert W. Hayes, Jr., LLC; Exec. Council, S.C. Young Lawyers Div. of State Bar, 1984–87; Exec. Council,



Young Lawyers Div. of State Bar, 1984–87; Exec. Council,

SCNG Assn., 1990–92, 2001–03; Bd.: Guardian Fidelity Mortgage Corp.; Westminster Towers; S.C. Bank & Trust of the Piedmont; Natl. Alliance for the Mentally Ill; Chm., York Co. Red Cross, 2004, 2014; Chm., York Dist. Boy Scouts of America, 1985–91; Chm., Rock Hill United Way Campaign, 1992; Chm., State Govt. & United Way Campaign, 2011; Pres., Palmetto Council Boy Scouts of America, 2010–12; S.C. Jaycees Outstanding Young Amer. Award, 1990; Recipient of The Compleat Lawyer Award by Univ. of S.C. Law School Alumni Assn., 1996; S.C. Chamber of Commerce Public Servant of the Year, 2006; 2010 David H. Wilkins Award for Excellence in Legis. Leadership by The Riley Inst. at Furman; 2013 Green Tie Award from the Conservation Voters of S.C.; Natl. Public Leadership in the Arts Award from the Americans for the Arts; Westminster Presbyterian Church; mil. serv.: USA, 82nd Abn. Div., 1975–80; SCARNG, 1980–05; Master Parachutist, Ranger, Legion of Merit Award, Col.; House of Reps. 1985–91; prev. serv. in Sen. Sept. 17, 1991–14.



HEMBREE, Greg [R]—(Dist. No. 28, Dillon-Horry Cos.)—Atty.; residing at 4509 Lake Cir., Little River; *b.* Aug. 21, 1960 in Ft. Leonardwood, Mo.; *s.* John H. and Mary E. Hembree; *g.* Univ. of Memphis, B.B.A. in Economics, 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; Dec. 7, 1985 *m.* Renee Robertson, 3 children, Nora Taylor, Ellen Hall, and John Isaac; 15th Circuit Solicitor

(Horry & Georgetown Cos.), 1999–12; N. Myrtle Beach City Atty., 1995–99; S.C. rep. to the Natl. Dist. Attys. Assn., 2009–12; S.C. Rep. Party Local Official Award, 2009; S.C. Law Enforcement Victim Advocates Solicitor of the Year Award, 2009; Waccamaw Amer. Leadership Forum Charter mem.; Col. Lemuel Benton Chap. of Sons of the Amer. Revolution Pres., 2006–07; N. Myrtle Beach Rotary Club mem.; Grand Strand Running Club Charter mem.; Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church Elder; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–14.